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WITH PLANS TO EXPAND FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES

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1. DR. PABLO LIENDO COLL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE VENEZUELAN FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION (AVPF), TOLD THE EMBASSY'S POPULATION OFFICER ON MAY 24 THAT THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT'S PLANS FOR INCORPORAING THE AVPF FAMILY PLANNING CLINICS INTO THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH ARE PROCEEDING WELL AND THAT VARIOUS BUREAUCRATIC OBSTACLES ARE BEING RAPIDLY OVERCOME. THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT WILL ASSUME FUNDING RESPONSIBILITY ON JULY 1 FOR 45 CLINICS FORMERLY FUNDED BY PATHFINDER FOUNDATION. ON SEPTEMBER 1 THE GOV WILL BEGIN FUNDING FOR 28 CLINICS NOW ASSISTED BY THE POPULATION COUNCIL. AS OF JANUARY 1, 1975, THE GOV WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBLITY FOR SOME 40 CLINICS SUPPORTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL PLANNED PARENTHOOD FOUNDATION (IPPF). THE AVPF WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THOSE CLINICS IN SOCIAL SECURITY HEALTH CENTERS WHICH ARE PRESENTLY FUNDED BY THE GOV THROUGH THE AUTONOMOUS CONSEJO DEL NINO.
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2. DR LIENDO COLL STATED THAT DURING A PRIVATE INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ LAST WEEK THE PRESIDENT SHOWED A DEEP AWARENESS OF LOCAL ASPECTS OF PROGRAM AND HIS KEEN INTEREST IN EXPANDING FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES. AS A RESULT OF THIS INTERVIEW DR LIENDO COLL REQUESTED AND EXPECTS TO RECEIVE APPROVAL BY MAY 29 OF APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF MILLION DOLLARS ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO ENABLE THE AVPF TO PAY FOR THE OPERATION OF THE 45 FORMER PATHFINDER FOUNDATION CLINICS DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD BETWEEN THE TIME PATHFINDER FUNDING TERMINATED JANUARY 1, 1974, AND JULY 1 WHEN THE GOVERNMENT WILL OFFICIALLY TAKE CHARGE OF THEIR OPERATION.

3. PRESIDENT PEREZ TOLD LIENDO COLL HE HOPES TO DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF ACCEPTORS SERVED BY THE FAMILY PLANNING CLINICS DURING 1975. IN THIS REGARD EACH OF THE TWENTY VENEZUELAN STATE AVPF COMMITTEES HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY DIRECTED TO INFORM ITS RESPECTIVE STATE OFFICIALS OF ITS INCREASED FUNDING AND FACILITY NEEDS SO THAT THIS INFORMATION MAY BE INCORPORATED INTO THE 1975 GOV BUDGET, WHICH BECOMES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1.

4. DR LIENDO COLL CONFIRMS THAT AFTER JANUARY 1, 1975, VENEZUELA WILL NOT SEEK ADDITIONAL DONOR AGENCY SUPPORT FOR FAMILY PLANNING CLINICS. THE AVPF WILL ASK, HOWEVER, THAT HE IPPF CONTINUE TO SUPPLY PILLS AND INTRA-UTERINE DEVICES AS AT PRESENT. THE AVPF WILL EXPECT TO REQUEST DOUBLE THE CURRENT SUPPLY OF THESE COMMODITIES FROM THE IPPF FOR USE DURING 1975.

5. COMMENT: THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THE MMOST USEFUL THING THAT IT CAN DO AT THIS POINT TO PROMOTE FAMILY PLANNING IN VENEZUELA IS TO STAND BACK AND STAY OUT OF THE WAY. OBVIOUSLY, IF MORE PEOPLE "STOOD BACK AND STAYED OUT OF THE WAY" THERE WOULD BE NO FAMILY PLANNING PROBLEMS.
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